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FRENCH TRENCHES
IN FLANDERS ARE
WONDERFUL WORKS

In Flanders, Dec. 3, via Paris, Dec. 4.—A visit to the French trenches in Flanders by a correspondent of the Associated Press under the auspices of the French general staff, is here described.

Standing in the shelter of a wonderfully ingenious and deep-dug trench on what undoubtedly is the bloodiest battlefield in European history the first and most notable impression of the observer is utter surprise at the absence of movement and the lack of noise. Within one's range of vision, with a strong field glass, there are probably concealed no fewer than 100,000 men yet except for the few French soldiers with rifles in their hands standing or kneeling in the immediate vicinity and keenly peering over the flat land toward the

positions known to be held by the Germans no human presence was noticeable.

A staff officer supplied the information that behind a slight slope some 300 yards away many German guns were hidden from sight but only an occasional burst of flame and a sharp, whistling sound coming from an indefinite point revealed the presence of this artillery.

A little forest to the left is believed to be bristling with machine guns backed by infantry in rifle pits and covered trenches. The approach to these positions has been made almost impossible from the standpoint of an infantry attack by barbed wire entanglements strewn with brush and branches of trees and giving the appearance from a distance of a small copse of heather.

Human Interest Notes
Found In the
Latest War Bulletins

Motors Trapped De Wet.

Pretoria, via London, Dec. 4.—Gen. Christian De Wet, the Boer rebel leader, who was captured on Tuesday, has been brought to Vryburg under guard.

Accompanied by a few of his followers De Wet rode 50 miles on horseback without a stop, pursued by motor cars, before he was trapped on a farm at Waterburg, in British Bechuanaland. The exhausted horses, abandoned by the general and his men in their flight, served to guide Premier Botha's men, who were conducting the chase.

Gen. De Wet's forces surrendered without firing a shot.

Socks Swine Aid for Peace.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Swiss newspapers announce the visit of M. Haldane, editor of the Journal d'Allemagne, of Berlin, who without any official backing proposed to found at Geneva a Franco-German committee to work for the re-establishment of peace.

The newspapers La Suisse and Journal Genevoise declare that it is impossible to find Swiss who are ready to participate in the committee.

Why Joffre Got Medal.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The Journal Officiel prints the following routine memorandum explaining why the military medal was presented to Gen. Joffre: "Since the day of the remarkable realization of the concentration of French forces under his direction Gen. Joffre has shown in his conduct of the armies qualities which have never deserted him, that in his genius for organization, order, method, cold, sophisticated wisdom and strength of soul, which nothing has shaken."

Will Act With U. S. Ships.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Italian cruiser Calabria will embark at Smyrna the Russian consuls in Asia Minor who were held as hostages by Turkey but were released on the demand of Italy. They will now be taken to Salonica by the warship.

The Calabria will then establish regular Italian-Turkish wireless communication and will co-operate with American warships in Turkish waters for the protection of the nationals of the countries now at war.

Saxon King Acts for Kaiser.

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—The King of Saxony left Dresden yesterday for Belgium to encourage the German troops. He will be accompanied by the Kaiser's daughter, Princess Marie, during the latter's absence in the eastern theatre of war.

During the Kaiser's sojourn in East Prussia three German aeroplanes are flying continuously over his headquarters. Skilful Russian airmen have been showing much activity since the arrival of the Kaiser there and hence the precautions that have been made to protect him from attack.

Took \$6,000 at Tsing-Tao.

Tokyo, Dec. 4.—The war office made public yesterday a list of the war material and supplies captured by the Japanese at Tsing-tao. The list includes 3,500 rifles, 100 machine guns, thirty field guns, all in need of repair, a small amount of ammunition, \$6,000, 15,000 tons of coal, forty automobiles and provisions to feed 5,000 persons for three months.

The statement adds that all the ships in the harbor were destroyed.

American Oxford Men in Aid Work.

London, Dec. 4.—The American students at Oxford, including eight Rhodes scholars, have volunteered for service with the American Commission for Relief in Belgium and will be sent to Belgium today to assist in the distribution of food.

Turkish Envoy to Pope.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Tribuna today says that the announcement of the sending of a British envoy to the Vatican has induced Germany to urge the acceptance of a Turkish ambassador to the Holy See. The reason offered is that the Sultan, having abolished the Capitulations, cannot deal through France in regard to Catholicism in the Ottoman Empire.

At the same time Serbia is sending a diplomatic representative to the Holy See, to ask that the Vatican have an envoy accredited to the Serbian government.

PAINTINGS WORTH
\$800,000 LOST IN
FIRE ON STEAMER

New York, Dec. 4.—Paintings and art objects of an estimated value of about \$800,000 were destroyed by fire in the hold of the freight steamer Mississippi which arrived here on November 2. It became known yesterday when the ship was examined by customs officials and representatives of insurance companies. The fire started soon after the Mississippi left Havre but as it was soon extinguished the vessel proceeded to this port and no news of the fire was given out. Crates containing other paintings were not opened but as they are badly charred their contents are also expected to be a total loss. The works destroyed were consigned to two New York art dealers.

MAY BE MORE ARRESTS
IN BOSTON LOAN CASE

Boston, Dec. 4.—The police today were busy engaged in an effort to obtain information upon which to base possible additional arrests in connection with the theft of large sums of money from the Collateral Loan Company. The investigation of the company's affairs is said to have disclosed losses through thefts not connected with the methods alleged to have been used by ex-President Cobb, of the company, who was arrested last night charged with the embezzlement of \$36,000. The police believe that jewelry in large quantities pledged with the company has been taken from its vaults and pledged with a resultant loss to the concern of about \$28,000. It was expected that Cobb, who spent last night in jail in default of \$25,000 bail, would be given a hearing today.

Lieutenant-General Lickman, commander of the Guards division of the German army, has been awarded the Order of Merit, by the Kaiser.

Sam Kraenbuhl, aged 13, of Russellville, Ark., was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for stabbing to death a playmate, Walter Gillespie.

RUSSIAN POLAND
FACING A FAMINE

Berlin, Dec. 4.—By wireless to Sayville, L. I.—The German military authorities have taken measures to prevent famine among the inhabitants among the parts of Russian Poland occupied by the German army, according to news given out by the press bureau today.

Another announcement from the same source is that reports received from Constantinople say England intends sending Portuguese troops into Egypt and that Mohammedan soldiers in Tunis are being embarked for service in Europe.

AUSTRALIA ACTS
TO BOOST REVENUE

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 4.—The existing preference rates on goods produced in and shipped from the United Kingdom to Australia as against the goods of other countries have been advanced in favor of Great Britain from 5 to 10 per cent in the case of almost all imported drygoods. The duties payable by foreigners sending goods into Australia also have been increased from 5 to 10 per cent and Great Britain has been granted preference rates on certain products which heretofore have not been in the preferential class.

These measures to secure increased revenue in Australia follow the announcement made yesterday that the government's expenses in connection with the war would be \$58,000,000 for the present year.

A Moslem cemetery will be established at Woking, England, for burial of Indian soldiers killed on the Continent.

GERMANS CLAIM RUSSIAN
LOSS OF 100,000 CAPTIVES

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Dec. 4.—Unofficial advices from Alsace say that the fighting is progressing actively in this minor war theatre. A heavy cannonading is going on in Sundau. The Germans are making advances against Belfort.

The loss by the Russians during the last few days of 100,000 captives and many guns is considered by local critics as bound to weaken them seriously.

The Austrians report officially a repulse to the besiegers of Przemyśl, Galicia. The garrison made a sortie against the Russians and drove the latter back from the outer fortifications.

WAR CUTS SUPPLY
OF "MOVIE" FILMS

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 4.—With five large motion picture houses in the central part of the city, and with about thirty more houses of a similar nature scattered throughout other sections of Rio de Janeiro, the managers have found that the European war has seriously interfered with their sources of film supplies.

Almost all the films used in Brazil are imported from Europe, especially from France. Film manufacturers of the United States have been only partly successful in introducing their goods here, and this has been due largely to the fact that they failed to give the Brazilians what they want.

Thirty prisoners were taken from the state prison at Trenton, N. J., to the convict farm at Leesburg, N. J.

LONDON OBSERVES
QUIT RENT CUSTOM

London, Dec. 4.—The city solicitor, on behalf of the corporation of London, recently performed the old ceremony of rendering quit rent service to the crown by chopping faggots and counting horseshoes and nails.

The ceremony took place in the presence of the King's Remembrancer at the law courts. The Remembrancer stated that the observance was certainly 750 years old, if not older. The quit rent service related to a piece of land situated in Shropshire, near Bridgnorth.

The earliest entry in regard to that was in the reign of King John, 1211, and stated that Richard I, held one virgate of land and rendered for the same at the feast of St. Michael two knives.

An entry in 1245 said that Nicholas of the Moor paid to the exchequer the knives, one good and the other bad. There were three more entries, in 1256, 1274 and 1285.

Thanks to the industry of a distinguished antiquarian another entry had been discovered in 1259, which spoke of two knives, one of which had to be able to cut a good hazel grove and the other to bend over new or green trees.

Another entry to which attention had not been drawn was in 1321, in which was mentioned Richard Gresham, mercer, who became lord mayor in 1537. He was the father of the famous Sir Thomas Gresham.

The other service related to a piece of land situated in the parish of St. Clement Danes, and the first entry relating to that was to be found in 1235. For it the corporation paid a rent of horseshoes and nails.

At the date mentioned the land was called "the forge" and was in the occupation of Walter le Brim, farrier. The ancient ceremony was then performed, the associate called on the tenants and occupiers of a piece of waste land known as the moors, in

the county of Salop, to come forth and do service. Sir Homewood Crawford duly chopped the faggots, one with a blunt and the other with a sharp billhook, and the Remembrancer remarked that this was "good service."

The associate next directed the "Tenants and occupiers of a certain tenement called the forge, in the parish of St. Clement Danes," to come forth and do their service. Sir Homewood Crawford counted six horseshoes and sixty-one nails, which the Remembrancer called "good number." He ordered the billhook to remain at the disposal of His Majesty.

TROOPS ARRIVING
AT MONTENEGRO

London, Dec. 4.—A despatch to the Central News from Berlin said that, according to an unofficial announcement made there, a number of transports, escorted by British and French warships, have reached Antivari, Montenegro's only seaport. The Austrian ships guarding the coast are said to have retired before the newcomers. Austrian aeroplanes are active, it is stated, making disembarkations from the transports unsafe.

SERVIAN LOSSES PUT
AT THIRD OF STRENGTH

Lemberg, Dec. 4.—Lemberg today is intensely interested in about 3,000 Austrian and Hungarian prisoners who have been brought into the city. They came by train, and virtually all of the men showed some effects of the extreme cold in the mountains. Many had their feet or hands frozen. All were captured in the Carpathians. The soldiers were encamped on the square fronting the station. The railroad yards were filled with artillery, rifles and ammunition captured from the Austrians.

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Real value \$25
For Saturday\$13.95
Real value \$42.50
For Saturday\$24.95
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Real value \$18
For Saturday\$10.95
Real value \$25 (fitch trimmed)
For Saturday\$16.95
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Black Fox Muffs.
Real value \$22.50
For Saturday\$13.95
Real value \$27.50
For Saturday\$17.95
Real value \$33.95
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Real value \$35
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